

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits

### Happy Birthday to "the little paper"!

The appearance of this issue of *The Romulus News* marks the beginning of our seventh year of publication – and to celebrate, our small but hard-working staff will be taking a little vacation!

Although "the little paper" usually appears on a biweekly basis, we will be skipping the issue that would have been published on July 28; our next edition will come out on August 11, 1993.

### Board of Education Elects New Officers

At the Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education, held on Monday, July 12, 1993, newly elected Board member Kenneth Berlinn joined his colleagues in nominating and electing a new set of Board officers.

Assuming the position of Board president is Howard Kesner; Mary King is the new vice-president; the new secretary is Sandra Langley; and Debra Hoffman will serve as treasurer.

The Board's other three trustees are Berlinn, Pat Patterson, and Edward Wilkerson.

### Concert in the Park

The Romulus Arts Council and the Romulus Historical Society would like to invite everyone out the Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street near the Post Office) on Sunday, July 25, for its second free summer concert.

This month's concert will feature the rockin' oldies of the Benny and the Jets Band.

Come out and bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets, and enjoy a day of fun in the sun!

### Crafters Wanted

The Romulus Arts Council is planning its annual Arts & Crafts Fair for Saturday, September 18, in the new Historic Park located in downtown Romulus.

The group is currently seeking out artists and crafters interested in purchasing table space to sell their wares.

Spaces are just \$12.50.

Anyone interested in participating in the event, or who needs more information, should call Gloria Chandler at 941-2678. □

## Chamber's Circus Was Fun for All!



The second annual appearance of the Franzen Brothers Circus, sponsored by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, was again a big hit with young and old alike.

## DCC Begins Outreach Program in the City of Romulus

In an attempt to bring greater recognition of the tremendous resources available to Downriver residents, the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) has announced the beginning of an "Outreach" program in the Romulus community.

The goal of this program is to make each and every resident in this area aware of the job-training and job-placement services available, and to alert them to the fact that, within walking distance of their homes, a new career can be started.

Now positioned in the Romulus Help Center (35085 Goddard Road) is a representative from the DCC who can address the concerns of both the unemployed and under-employed.

This program has been successful enough in the last business year to have served hundreds of adult residents who fell into two different categories.

The first category encompasses individuals who were economically disadvantaged. People from this group were placed into jobs at a rate of 83.8% and, of those enrolled, received an average starting wage of \$7.11 per hour.

Members of the second group were displaced workers, including those laid off due to closing or reduced production.

Nearly 62 of our local people were put back to work through the efforts of DCC. The average starting wage was approximately \$8.50 per hour.

Just as important is the classroom and customized training which is offered either at educational institutions or employer premises. Career counseling is also available from professional, State-licensed staff. The DCC can help you improve your basic math and English skills with small and individual classes taught by certified education specialists. The Resource Center and Job Preparation Workshop will help you prepare resumes and cover letters. DCC can also help with interviewing techniques, job-market research, and confidence-building.

If that's not enough, you will be surprised to know that DCC will weatherize homes for low-income senior citizens and other qualifying residents. DCC is involved in the restoration of abandoned homes and the use of vacant lots to resolve affordable-housing shortages. Substance abuse services are also available.

If you or someone you know can use the services of the Downriver Community Conference, please call Ray Boynton at 942-7506 for more information. □

## Middlebelt Road Construction Update

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Reconstruction of the Merri-man and Middlebelt interchanges is progressing according to schedule, with one exception – it is now likely that Middlebelt and its ramps will not re-open to full traffic until early September, several weeks after the early-August target date.

Construction crews have experienced unexpected complications with bridge rebuilding and with necessary work on a sewer system pump house, resulting in the delay until early September.

Reopening of Middlebelt Road is the key step in a sequence of construction activity. The ramps from Middlebelt to I-94 cannot be reopened until the roadway is completed and opened to two-way traffic. In turn, the 16-day closure of the northbound Merriman ramp to eastbound I-94, the busiest ramp, cannot be started until the road and ramps at Middlebelt have been reopened. □



# The Lighter Slice

## Country Music Suffers True Loss



By Tom Shamanski

As you've probably heard, the world of country music was dealt a severe blow last week as a result of my announcement that I was boot scootin' out of the country-music scene—this time for good.

In fact, it was reported that, upon hearing the news, Dolly Parton was quoted as saying: "Who? Isn't he the same guy who was country before country made him a fool?"

Hee hee . . . she kids around like that at all her parties, too.

Anyway, please don't get me wrong on this. I still love country music and all the fiddlin' around that goes with it—but, after awhile, one gets a bit weary of country fans' adoration, winning country-music awards, and eating country-fried steak. In leaving the realm of country music, my main regret is that never—not even once—did Travis Tritt ask for my autograph or the use of my washer and dryer . . . both of which start jerking uncontrollably whenever they hear "Achy Breaky Heart."

However, although I'm taking the boy out of the country and the country out of the boy, I still plan on staying in the entertainment business as well as maintaining my spot as an "alternate" on my barber's bowling team.

After mulling things over, I settled on the following choices for my new career: playing classical combs, hoping for a quick death and a next life as Lyle Lovett, or performing "oldies but goodies."

Since all the entertainment business pundits are now predicting a new surge of popularity in public TV auctions and in the hum of classical combs, I chose the "oldies" as my new show-business venue.

You see, I *actually know* who wrote the Book of Love. Also, I've been privy to the reason why fools fall in love. (The Book of Love was written by my former girlfriend, Maude, a self-employed truck-driver who never leaves home but has numerous callers each day. And fools fall in love because . . . well, because they can't get work as truck-drivers.)

As I see it now, my new act will consist of playing all-time-favorite oldies—or, as we in the biz call them, "the golden oldies"—and standing on stage and moving my lips accordingly. It's a radical concept, I know—but, hey, they said I was crazy when I recently predicted that *Hill Street Blues* would finally be cancelled last May.

When I told my sister, Judy The Boss, about my career change, she was overcome, saying, "What are you talking about? You know, you're really outdoing yourself this time." I nodded and grinned.

When my mother heard the news, her chin sagged slightly and I could see tiny little tears of joy trickling down her cheeks. It's good to have positive family support when making these important decisions.

Of course, if all this doesn't work out, I could always return to my former occupation as a judge, where my veracity was often discussed—but they couldn't prove a thing. Unfortunately, though, I think you still have to be elected for that.

So. In the meantime, maybe it's back to pitching for the Tigers. Perhaps the only question here will be what, exactly, will I be pitching? □

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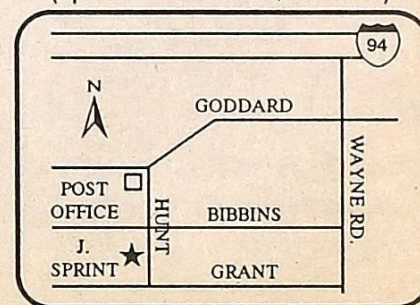
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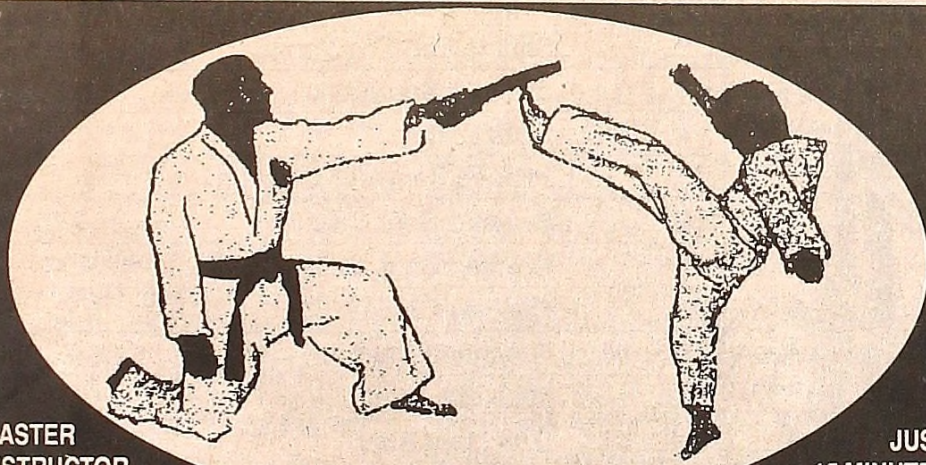
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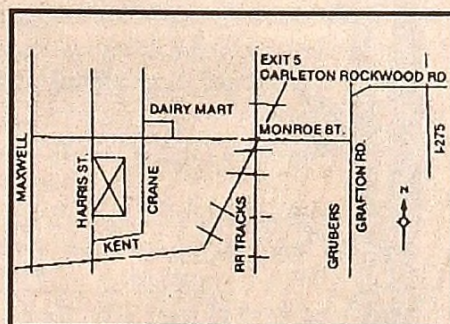
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A schedule of events, including live country and oldies bands, appears below.

**Wednesday, July 14**

Christmas Bingo & Refreshments (\$1 per person; 10 a.m. to noon), "Christmas in July" Dance (sponsored by the Sumpter Seniors; 1 to 4 p.m.), Spaghetti Dinner (sponsored by the Sumpter Seniors; \$4 for adults/\$2.50 for kids under 12; 4 to 8 p.m.), Korky the Clown (free; 5 to 11 p.m.), and Friendly Frank's Carnival (\$8 pay-one-price/ride-all-day tickets; 5 p.m. to close).

**Thursday, July 15**

1993 Classic Rock Showdown by Rock Solid Music Co. & Trac Factory Recording Studio (\$5; 5 to 10 p.m.), Korky the Clown (free; 5 to 11 p.m.), Friendly Frank's Carnival (\$8 pay-one-price/ride-all-day tickets; 5 p.m. to close), and Prince & Princess Contest (ages six to eight; 7:30 p.m.).

**Friday, July 16**

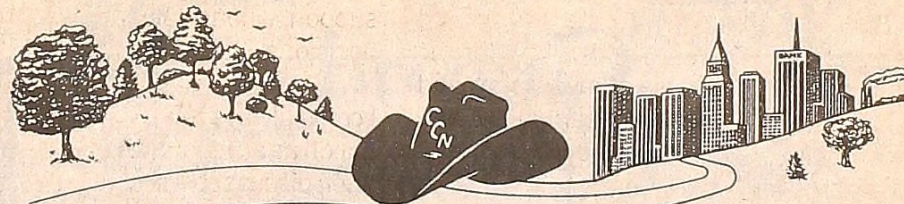
Arts & Crafts Sale (noon to 8 p.m.), Korky the Clown (free; 3 to 11 p.m.), Friendly Frank's Carnival (3 p.m. to close), Beer Tent (5 p.m. to close), Bingo (5 p.m. to close), Casino (5 p.m. to close), Figure 8 Demolition Derby (\$3 and \$6 tickets; 7:30 p.m.), and the Del Rays perform '50s/'60s music (free; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.).

**Saturday, July 17 - Kids' Day**

Pancake Breakfast (sponsored by the Sumpter Seniors; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Parade (noon), Friendly Frank's Carnival (two kids ride for price of one from noon to 5 p.m.; regular price from 5 p.m. to close), Monster Truck Rides (\$2; noon to 6 p.m.), Arts & Crafts Sale (noon to 8 p.m.), Korky the Clown (free; noon to 11 p.m.), Beer Tent (noon to close), Kids Games (free; 1 to 6 p.m.), Bingo (1 p.m. to close), Casino (1 p.m. to close), Kiddie Tractor Pull (ages three to 10; free; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.), Chili Cook-off (3 p.m. judging), Teen Dance by DJ (free; 6 to 10 p.m.), Tri-State Association Mini-Tractor Pull (free; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.), West Texas Wind Band performs (free; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.), and Fireworks (free; 10 p.m.).

**Sunday, July 18**

Pancake Breakfast (sponsored by the Sumpter Seniors; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Horseshoe Pitching Tournament (Graham Park; 11 a.m.), Classic Car Show (free; no entry fee; noon to 4 p.m.), Arts & Crafts Sale (noon to 8 p.m.), Beer Tent (noon to 1 a.m.), Bingo (noon to close), Casino (noon to close), Friendly Frank's Carnival (\$8 pay-one-price/ride-all-day tickets; noon to close), Sherman Arnold, Elvis Impersonator, performs (free; 2 to 6 p.m.), Demolition Derby (\$3 and \$6 tickets; 7 p.m.), Cedar Creek Country Band performs (free; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.), Raffle Drawing for 10'x12' storage barn (\$2 tickets on sale all weekend; 9 p.m.). □

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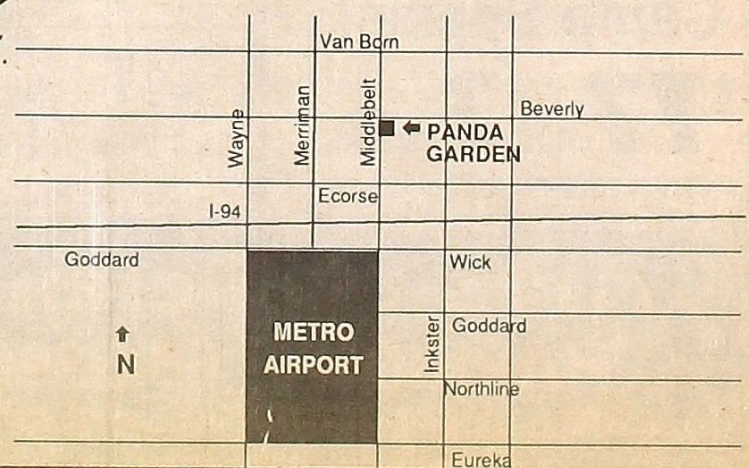
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# Profile: Mary (Hatten) Collins

By Tom Shamanski

Since 1990, Romulus native Mary (Hatten) Collins has been a senior clerk in the City of Wayne's treasurer's office. In a recent interview, Collins stated that, in her position, she feels most fulfilled when she can talk to a "disgruntled" taxpayer, explain the "hows" and "whys" of that person's property taxes, and thereby see the individual depart "feeling happy with his or her city government."

Said the 60-year-old Collins, "It's not easy to satisfy people who are unhappy with their property taxes, and it's one of the major challenges of my job – but it's an opportunity, too, as it gives me a chance to promote local government in the best possible light."

"If a resident's tax problem is unsolvable," she continued, "I'll try to help him or her understand how the taxes got to their present point. Overall, I'd say that, about 85% to 90% of the time, the resident will leave feeling satisfied."

Collins went on to say that she enjoys her job because it gives her an opportunity to interact with the public. Further, she said, she frequently has the opportunity to explain to Wayne residents how their local government is working for them – and not against them.

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Collins, a former secretary for the Romulus City Council, graduated from Romulus High School in 1951. From 1978 to 1982, she attended the Detroit College of Business, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in business management with a minor in accounting.

To better prepare herself for her present post with the City of Wayne, Collins earned her assessor certification (Level I) in March 1993.

"For my certification," said Collins, "I attended classes from last August to November at Brighton's City Hall. The three- to four-hour classes were held twice a week. The actual certification is granted through the Michigan Assessor's Association."

Collins added that, although she technically works for Wayne's treasurer's office, she actually works directly under the City Assessor. In doing so, Collins fills a position which entails two major responsibilities, the first of which is working for the City's board of review; the second involves performing duties with regard to personal property taxes.

For the Board of Review, Collins schedules applicants who wish to appear before the Board, deals with "hardship" appeals, and takes the minutes of each Board meeting. Further, Collins prepares all the assessment rolls that are ultimately submitted to Wayne County.

Regarding her work with personal property taxes, Collins says that she generates and processes all of Wayne's personal property statements. In addition, she is responsible for preparing the

City's personal property rolls, yet another document which is required by, and submitted to, the County.

Other functions in which Collins takes part are with assisting the semiannual mailing of Wayne's tax bills and, in general, helping the City Assessor in any way possible.

When queried about fellow employees, Collins replied, "Altogether, there are five of us in our department. We're all cross-trained for one another's job – which, as they say, makes each of us kind of a 'jack-of-all-trades.'"

In speaking to the possibility of becoming certified at Level II, Collins commented that, presently, such a move is being considered; beginning classes for the higher level will likely begin after the first of the year. However, any promotion beyond Level II is unlikely to occur, she noted, as it would then become "too much like a profession."

For the past two years, Collins has served as an alternate on the Board of Appeals for the City of Romulus. Appointed by Mayor Beverly McAnally, Collins will attend meetings when one of the regular members of the five-person Board is absent.

"The Board of Appeals," said Collins, "considers requests from Romulus citizens who wish to be granted a variance. In other words, when someone wants to deviate from any City regulation, they must come before the Board."

"If I'm called upon," she added, "then, anytime a resident who came before the Board while I was serving on it wants to return with regard to the same request, I must sit in on that particular meeting. Such a situation would occur if the applicant wanted more information or wished to re-appeal to the Board."

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Recently, Collins filed to have her name included among the list of candidates who will run for a seat on the Romulus City Council in the November 1993 election. Since each of the current members of the Romulus City Council, when profiled by *The Romulus News*, was given an opportunity to list three Council achievements of which he/she was the most proud, Collins – as a Council candidate – was asked to list three goals that she would pursue if elected in November.

"My first goal," stated Collins, "would be to make City government as 'user-friendly' as possible."

"Secondly, I would work toward doing away with 'back-door tax hikes.' These occur when assessed valuation goes up but the millage rate is not reduced. Most city councils and school boards quietly accept the additional hit to the taxpayers' pocketbook and point to the assessor as the culprit, when the truth is that the amount of tax is determined by the millage rate, not the assessed valuation."



"Since the property-tax burden is already too high," she continued, "my proposal is that millage rates be reduced each year so that no more taxes are collected than in the previous year unless higher spending can be clearly, and openly, justified."

In addressing her third Council goal, Collins stated, "I'm proposing that annual spending budgets be itemized, prioritized, and zero-based. In a separate format, the Council, School Board, and etcetera, should list the itemized budget in order of priority from 'must have' to 'would like to have if funds are available.' This way, we can see if we agree with their priorities as well as hold them to cutting low-priority items when cuts are necessary. Finally, budgets should be 'zero-based' each year. This simply means that, each year, everything in the budget has to be justified, as opposed to asking for a percentage increase over last year's budget."

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Collins was married to her late husband, Robert Hatten, for 25 years. Hatten died at the age of 53.

For the past five years, Collins has been married to 55-year-old Ron Collins, a 12-year Romulus Department of Public Works employee who once served as a union steward for a three-year period of time.

Between them, the Collinses have seven adult children.

Daughter Ann, who manages a convenience store in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is single.

David, who has worked at Romulus Hardware since he was 15 years old, is now an assistant manager. David is married to Amber.

Maggie – who works in the home – and her husband, Cam Jesko, are the parents of four-year-old Kady, whom Collins fondly describes as a "101 Dalmatians kid." Cam is the operator of Romulus' Patterson Tool and Die.

Mark is single and works for the Lear Corporation in Romulus.

Son Chris, a laboratory technician for Kimberly-Clark, is currently living with his wife Denise in Germany. The couple has a son, eight-year-old Sean, who, said Collins, is an avid "Ninja Turtle" fan.

Melinda – or, as she's usually called, Lindy – works for Northwest Airlines as a reservationist.

Kevin and his wife Carolynn are the proud parents of one-month-old Nathan. Presently, Kevin works for Oakite Chemical Company, a concern located in the City of Romulus.

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In her leisure time, Collins likes to cook, bake, read, and keep abreast of

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## PROFILE: MARY (HATTEN) COLLINS

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Romulus' local government. However, she noted, flying is her "absolute love."

"As I used to have some friends who were avid about flying," said Collins, "I decided to see if it was something that I would like to do. I went to the Airport and got a good instructor – and, since 1984, I've had a private pilot's license with a single-engine rating."

"I fly out of Metro Airport, but I don't get a chance to do enough of it."

Together, the Collinses enjoy canoe trips, vacations to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and playing cards with friends.

"We simply enjoy each other's company," smiled Collins. "And, with the size of our family, we do a lot of 'family things.'"

Collins, a personable individual, seems to be a very loving and caring lady. At one point during the interview, she mentioned that she and husband Ron will soon become involved in a grandparenting program.

"We've always had a good, stable home," she said, "and, with that stability, I feel we can help youngsters who need the special love of grandparents. As Ron and I have only three grandchildren, we've still got a lot of love to spread around."

And it's this kind of desire to help and serve others – both at work and, most especially, with young children – that marks Mary (Hatten) Collins as one very nice, very capable lady. □

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## REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 28, 1993

At 7:00 P.M., Mr. Chuck Usztics made a Saturday Academy presentation to the Board of Education.

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, June 28, 1993, was called to order by President Wilkerson at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Bales absent (excused). Administrator LeCesne was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Wilkerson.

### Approval of Agenda:

6/93/1 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Board approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

6/93/2 Moved by King supported by Patterson the Board approve the Minutes of May 24 and May 26, 1993, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Mr. Kruse updated the Board regarding the Summer Band Camp.

### Report of the Superintendent:

#### Personnel Actions

6/93/3 Moved by Kesner supported by Patterson the Board approve retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Phyllis McDiarmid. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

**A. Resolution of Terminations:** Duayne Harper, Teacher – Jr. High, Eff. 6/3/93; Anita Jordan, Teacher, Eff. 5/25/93; Nancy Lott, Teacher, Eff. 5/25/93; Shellie Moore, Teacher, Eff. 6/10/93; and Linda Smith, Teacher, Eff. 5/25/93.

**B. Termination:** Susan Jones, Bus Driver, Eff. 6/3/93.

**Addendum: Termination:** Kathleen Baker, Teacher, Eff. 6/28/93.

6/93/4 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board approve the Personnel Actions and Addendum as recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

6/93/5 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Morgan Manor Transfer Parent Discussion

Parents and Attorney Carl Becker discussed this matter with Board Members. The Board took the matter under advisement.

#### Establish Summer Tax Levy

6/93/6 Moved by Hoffman supported by King the Board of Education levy 22.65 mills for Operation and 2.01 mills for Debt Retirement on the summer levy 1993. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Mt. Pleasant Library Use

6/93/7 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and grant City/Library use of Mt. Pleasant School as outlined in the letter from the City Treasurer dated 6/3/93; said use based on the City holding the District harmless on liability and with the understanding that the District does not intend to contribute funding to prepare the facility. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

(The Board took a short recess from 8:30 P.M. until 8:35 P.M.)

#### Barton Malow Change Orders, etc.

6/93/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman the Board issue the following Change Orders: Acoustic Ceiling & Partition, A & Z Electric, Alpha Electric, Amalio Corp., Ann Arbor Roofing, Duross Painting, Empire Tile & Marble, Floor Craft Floor Covering, Great Lakes Mechanical, McKernan Doors, Monte Costella & Co., Montgomery Elevators, Peterson Glass, Prudential Paint & Cleaning, Rosati Masonry Co., Stafford-Smith, Westwood Carpentry Co., and York International. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/93/9 Moved by King supported by Hoffman the Board of Education award a contract to Howard and Smith, Inc., of Royal Oak, Michigan, to purchase the CAD System items listed in their quotation. This quotation includes training and software loading (\$40,387). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/93/10 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Board of Education award a contract to Howard and Smith, Inc., of Royal Oak, Michigan, to purchase the NEC Powermate Computers configured for AutoCAD R-12 CAD Software (\$28,992). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/93/11 Moved by Langley supported by Patterson the Board of Education award a contract to Holcombs for Uninterrupted Power Supply, 4 per elementary school, and Appleshare Power Cables, 4 per elementary school – total 20 UPS and 20 Power Cables (\$18,500). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/93/12 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Board award a contract to Jostens Learning Corporation for 150-Station Middle School Learner Package M06; 140-Station Laboratory, Plus 10 Stations distributed into 4 Computer-Aided Instructional Classrooms (\$178,819). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/93/13 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman the Board award a contract to Michigan Bell Communications for Voice Mail Equipment and itemized equipment per their letter dated 6/3/93 for Romulus Senior High School (\$63,002.20). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/93/14 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board of Education award a contract to Computer Connections for Technology Networks for Romulus High School per the letter from Greiner dated 6/25/93 (\$498,128). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Excess materials, cabinetry, etc., being taken by the demolition contractor per Secretary Kesner.

#### Cooperative Education Agreement

6/93/15 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Board renew the Cooperative Education Agreement between Romulus Community Schools and the Van Buren School District to operate Adult Basic Education, High School Completion and Alternative Education Programs in accordance with the provisions of the State School Act, through June 30, 1994. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Chamber Use of Old South Field

6/93/16 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Chamber use of Old South Field as per their request of 6/16/93. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### T.I.F.A. Report

No action.

#### Student Transfers

6/93/17 Moved by Langley supported by Patterson the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the transfer of Erika A. Lachcik and Patrick Taylor to the Huron School District beginning September, 1993. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### MAISL Worker's Compensation Fund

6/93/18 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Romulus Community Schools join the MAISL Worker's Compensation Fund as recommended by the Superintendent. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Summer Use of Buses – City

6/93/19 Moved by Hoffman supported by Patterson the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the School District to jointly sponsor the Romulus City Summer Recreation Program and provide buses as per the City's request of 6/17/93. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Minutes – Policy Committee; 2) Minutes – Finance Committee; 3) EDS Business Partner's Letter; 4) Romulus Alumni Annual Report; 5) Ruth Fairchild Letter – Immunizations; 6) "Thanks" – Mike Teasdale from Walled Lake; and 7) "Thanks" – Ida Schools.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Hoffman – Commented on Gifted/Talented Program and the need for a Curriculum Director for 1993-1994 school year.

#### Executive Session – Negotiations

6/93/20 Moved by Hoffman supported by Patterson the Board convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:53 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:14 P.M.

#### Adjournment:

6/93/21 Moved by Hoffman supported by Patterson the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

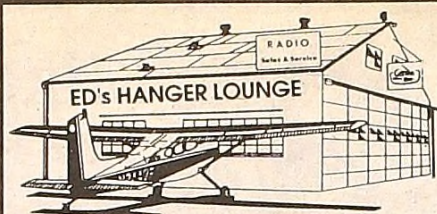


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# Money Talk

## Retirement Planning

By Grover Kahl, financial planner

(Editor's note: This is the second of two parts on the subject of retirement planning. The first, which dealt with "tax traps," appeared in the June 30, 1993 issue of *The Romulus News*.)

### IRA Traps

#### 20% Withholding Tax

After 1992, any participant who is eligible to receive distributions from a retirement qualified plan will be subjected to a 20% income tax withholding requirement when the money is distributed unless the rollover is accomplished by a direct transfer from the employee's trustee to the IRA custodian.

If the participant fails to use a custodian-to-custodian transfer method, 20% of the entire distribution will be withheld for income tax. The client will have to make up the 20% balance when he/she rolls those funds into an IRA in order to qualify for a return of the 20% withheld. In essence, a retiree with \$200,000 in distributions will have \$40,000 withheld by the Federal government and will be forced to come up with \$200,000 to roll into an IRA. Then the retiree will have to file for a special tax return to recover the \$40,000 that was withheld.

#### Five-year and 10-year Forwarding

Any monies transferred into an IRA will lose the valuable benefit of five- and 10-year forward averaging.

There are three conditions for qualifying for forward averaging.

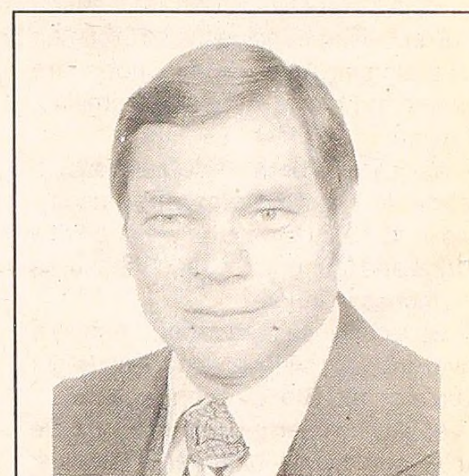
The first is that the retiree must receive a lump-sum distribution. A lump-sum distribution is any of one or more distributions within a single year which represent the retiree's entire interest in the plan. This is defined as all plans of a similar type maintained by an employer.

The second condition is that the retiree must have participated in the plan for five years.

Third, the retiree's distributions must be made after the participant reaches 59½ years of age.

Forward averaging lowers taxes for many retirees. The amount of tax is determined as though the retiree received the entire lump-sum distribution in five equal annual installments. More importantly, the tax is determined as though the retirement distribution amount is the only income received in those five years. The actual tax is paid for the year in which the distributions are made.

Retirees who reached age 50 before January 1, 1986, can elect to use 10-year forward averaging, which was in effect at that time. This 10-year averaging is calculated using a method similar to that used for five-year averaging, except that the income is presumed to be spread over 10 years rather than five. One of the trade-offs is that tax rates in effect in 1986 have to be applied. These ranged from 23 to 50% compared to the lower rates used today.



An important limitation on both the five-year and 10-year forward averaging rules is that they do not apply to distributions from IRAs. Further, IRAs do not offer the same amount of protection from creditors as do qualified plans. So, in the case where an individual is moving from one job to another, it may be wise to set up what is called a conduit IRA. The conduit IRA can take distributions from a qualified plan, hold them, and then roll them back into an employer's qualified plan and maintain both the five- and 10-year forward averaging rules and additional liability protection. Conduit IRAs must only contain distributions from the rollover. There is no time limitation on when the funds must be transferred from the IRA to the new employer's plan.

### Conclusion

One thing that should be apparent from this discussion is that retirement planning is a critical area. After reviewing the complexity of the situation, there is no doubt that retiring employees need the help of professionals in determining which course of action is best suited for them.

If one retiree has too much money in his/her IRA, the course of action may call for systematic withdrawals from the IRA at the highest rate possible, while positioning the retiree's other monies in an annuity.

On the other hand, the retiree with well below the maximum amount of IRA monies may decide to allow the IRA monies to accumulate on a tax-deferred basis into the future while taking an income from mutual funds or other sources.

Finally, an individual who is contemplating taking distributions from a qualified plan must consider the consequences of using five-year or 10-year forward-averaging rules, as opposed to rolling over the monies to an IRA and taking systematic withdrawals, while looking for a new employer.

In all these instances, a financial planner can be of benefit to the individual by helping to make the financial decisions while working with professionals in developing the overall plan of action.

If you would like help planning the financial aspect of your retirement, feel free to call me at 313-941-7310. □

# The Hand of Hope

## Success Can Be Yours!

By Todd Hauter, certified hypnotherapist

"Psychoneurogenics" is the new neurotechnology of success used to erase fears, establish a commanding sense of self-worth, melt psychophysiological blocks, and enable us to be all we can be.

I was fortunate to attend the Advanced Certified Clinical Workshop offered by the Hypnodyne Foundation last February in order to learn even more about this powerful concept.

Psychoneurogenics uses the "power of persuasion" – telling yourself that you are successful and cannot fail at anything you attempt to accomplish. Emotions come from what you think. Think "I am in danger" and you feel anxiety. Think "I am confident" and you feel confidence. Think "I can't succeed" and you feel disempowered.

The National Institute of Mental Health has spent millions of dollars testing whether or not the way we think causes our emotions and mental health. Their conclusion: It does!

The people that I talk to can be divided into two categories: they are either *optimists* or *pessimists*.

The optimists will view life's misfortunes in this way:

- defeat is just a temporary setback;
- the cause of the defeat is confined to just this one situation; and
- the defeat is not their fault.

Confronted with a bad situation, they perceive it as a challenge and try harder.

The pessimists' viewpoint interprets life's less pleasant events from the following framework:

- bad events will last a long time;
- bad events will undermine everything they do; and
- bad events are their own fault.

Literally hundreds of studies show that pessimists give up more easily and get depressed more often than optimists do. But pessimists can, in fact, learn to be optimists – and not just through singing and whistling, but by learning a set of cognitive skills.

The benefits of being an optimist are many:

- a stronger immune system,
- less burnout and depression,
- a higher quality of personal and home life, and
- improved job satisfaction and job performance.

Given the choice of being an optimist or a pessimist, which would you rather be?

The advantages of having advanced certification in psychoneurogenics are numerous. First of all, I can provide you with a better look at your inner-self and help you realize how important you are to those around you. I have kept abreast of the development and advances in "harder technologies." Concurrently with the advances in harder technologies, there have been developments in "softer technologies" that have warranted my attention. The "softer technologies" help us understand, predict, and influence human behavior.

These developments in human behavior and attitudinal modification are from the areas of:

- neuro linguistics,
- neuro associative conditioning,
- neuro linguistic programming (NLP), and
- hypnotherapy.

These technologies are providing new and very beneficial insights into human performance and motivation, and help to effect lasting changes that support enhanced levels of performance and wellness.

As a certified hypnotherapist, I am one of a few therapists in Michigan to be certified in the advanced specialist course, as well. It is my commitment to you to provide the best possible programs made available to mankind.

Watch for my next article, which will discuss the shifting of your *paradigm* (belief system).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at my office number: 313-941-7084. □



# The Stork Arrived

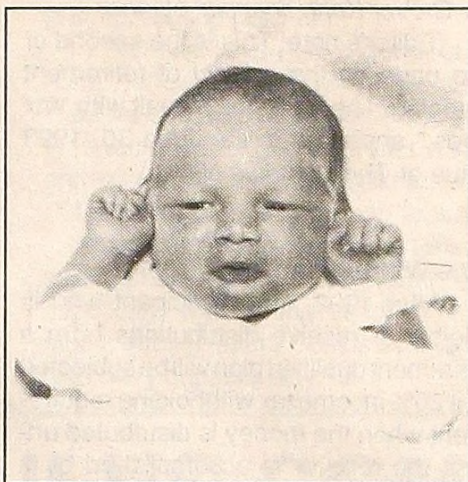
## Ashley May Cribbs

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Ashley May Cribbs, are Charles and Vickie Cribbs of Romulus, Michigan.

Ashley was born at Hutzel Hospital (Detroit, MI) at 1:54 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 1993. At birth, she weighed five pounds and four ounces, and measured 17½ inches in length.

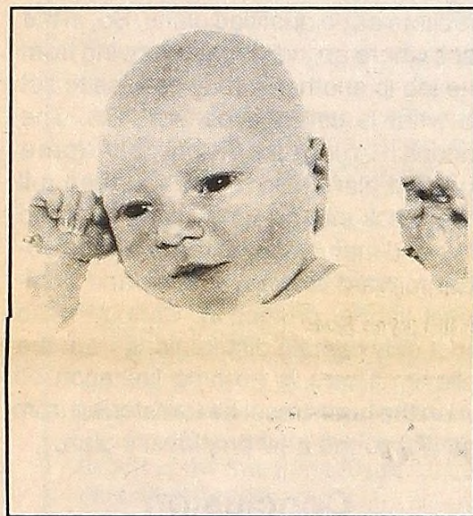
Especially excited about Ashley's arrival were big sisters Nicole Ann (eight years old) and Stacey Lynn (age six).

Ashley's maternal grandparents are Daniel and Lynda Lightner (Romulus, MI); Floyd Cribbs (Gloucester, MA) and Nancy Cribbs (Romulus, MI) are her paternal grandparents.



Alvin and Virginia LaLonde (Romulus, MI) are Ashley's great-grandparents.

## Spencer Dylan DeFelice



Danny and Salene DeFelice – residents of Romulus, Michigan – are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Spencer Dylan DeFelice.

Spencer was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) on Wednesday, June 9, 1993, at 11:02 a.m., weighing in at six pounds and 15 ounces, and measuring 20½ inches in length.

Happy to have a new baby to play with is big brother Benjamin, who is four years old.

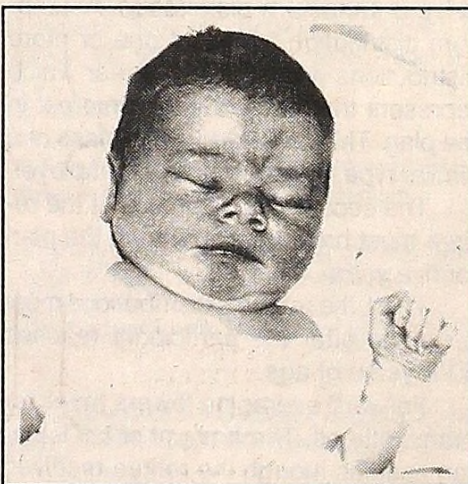
Spencer's maternal grandmother is Marie Jager (Romulus, MI); Eugene and Betty DeFelice (Carleton, MI) are his paternal grandparents.

## James Douglas Emerick III

Proud parents of their first child, James Douglas Emerick III, are James Emerick Jr. and Kelly-Jo Payment of Belleville, Michigan.

James – who was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 1993 – weighed nine pounds and four ounces, and measured 23 inches in length.

Also welcoming James into the family are maternal grandparents Phil and Mary-Jo Payment (Taylor, MI); James Emerick Sr. (Romulus, MI) and Roberta Remillet (Moncello, IN) are his paternal grandparents.



## Brittany Ann Thomas

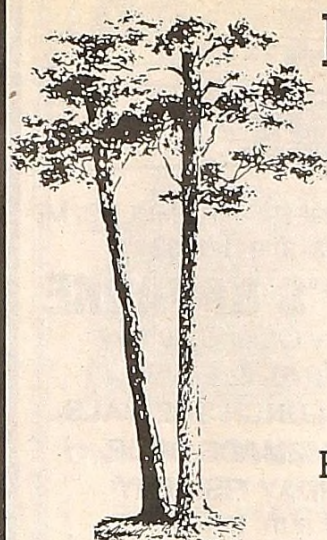


Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Brittany Ann Thomas, are William and Tammy Thomas of Westland, Michigan.

Brittany was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 3:31 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 1993. At birth, Brittany weighed seven pounds and six ounces, and measured 20½ inches in length.

Especially excited about Brittany's arrival was her big sister, Brandee Shaye Thomas.

Brittany's maternal grandparents are Ellis and Johannah DeBruhl (Romulus, MI); Nancy Thomas (Westland, MI) is her paternal grandmother. □



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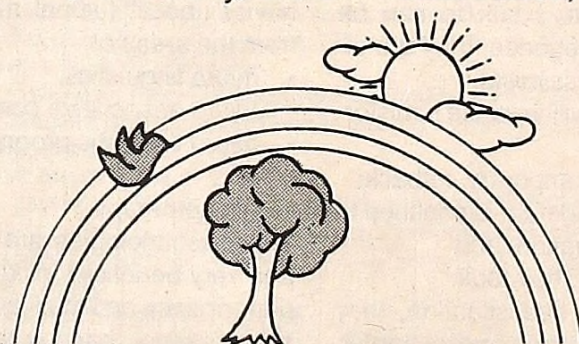
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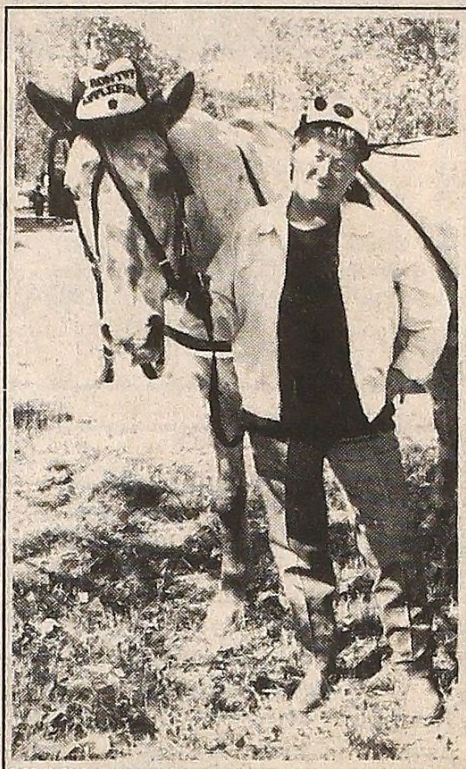
# Obituaries

## Betty Lou Baschal

Betty Lou Baschal, a very special friend of those of us here at *The Romulus News*, died Tuesday, July 13, 1993, in her Ash Township home.

Betty's smiling face was a familiar sight to so many people in this area. A whirlwind of energy who was constantly on the go, Betty touched the lives of many as she worked on her numerous "projects." Besides working as a bus driver for the Huron Public Schools from 1974 to 1993, she gave a considerable amount of her time to act as a reporter and salesperson for the nonprofit publication, *The Huron News*, as well as for us here at "the little paper" and *Country in the City News*. And yet, with all that to occupy her, she still found space in her busy schedule to sell Avon; belong to the Romulus Horseman's Association, and ride her horse and longtime companion, Charlie-Be-Good; and write beautiful poetry.

The daughter of Merritt Edwin and Grace Violet (Barnett) Johnson, Betty was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 17, 1936. She is survived by her twin sister, Beverly Herold (Romulus, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Joe (Robin) Portuondo (Romulus, MI) and Mrs. Ken (Joyce) Kittle (New Boston, MI); and four grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her daughter, Karen Reno; her parents;



and her brother, C.J. Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 15, at St. John's Lutheran Church (Waltz, MI), with the Reverend William Morris officiating.

Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI) will be the site of interment.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

## Robert Lee Hester

Robert Lee Hester — a 52-year-old resident of Romulus, Michigan — died on Tuesday, June 29, 1993.

A medical assistant, Robert was born in Social Circle, Georgia, on August 30, 1940.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Cathy Wiggins; his father, James M. Hester; his mother, Mattie E. Cox; two brothers, Horace J. and Willie C. Hester;

and four sisters, Mrs. Barbara Jamison, Ms. Marsha Saafir, Ms. Deborah Hester, and Ms. Roberta Hester.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 3, at the First Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Charles Woolridge officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

## Frances Maciejewski

Frances Maciejewski of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, July 10, 1993. She was 78 years old.

Frances was born in Detroit, Michigan, on December 24, 1914. Her husband, John Joseph Maciejewski, preceded her in death.

Surviving Frances are her two daughters, Mrs. Darwin (Rose) Schoolmaster (Romulus, MI) and Mrs. Donald (Dolores) Farago (Taylor, MI); three grandsons, Brian Schoolmaster, Donald Farago, and David Farago; and two great-grandchildren, Crystal and Deborah Schoolmaster.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 14, at the St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal officiating.

Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □

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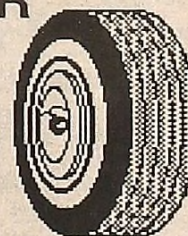
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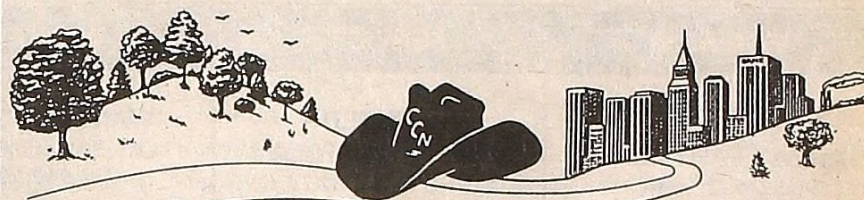
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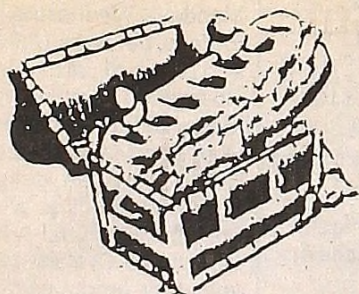
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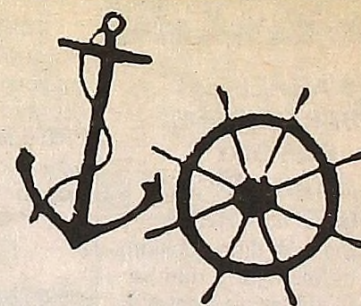
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